

PUBLIC HEARING: January 26, 2006
Lawyers Road Master Plan
DRAFT
MEETING SUMMARY

Attendance:

FCPA BOARD MEMBERS:

Harold Strickland, Chairman, Sully District; Joanne Malone, Vice Chairman, Providence District; Winifred Shapiro, Braddock District; William Bouie, Hunter Mill District; Georgette Kohler, At-Large.

FCPA STAFF: Mike Kane, Director, Park Authority; Lynn Tadlock, Director, Planning & Development Division; Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer; Barbara Roberts, Assistant to the Public Information Officer; Sandy Stallman, Manager, Planning Branch; Irish Grandfield, Project Manager, Planning Branch; Diane Probus, Planning Branch; Kathleen Kust, Planning Branch; John Hopkins, Area 7 Manager, Park Operations.

CITIZENS: Approximately 30 citizens in attendance

The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. and was facilitated by Judy Pedersen. Following introductions of Park Authority Board Members and Staff, she introduced Project Manager Irish Grandfield who provided an overview of the history, planning timeline, and the cooperative development of plans for this park. He then presented the Conceptual Development Plan for the park.

Ms. Pedersen then opened the floor for speakers to comment. The following citizens spoke:

1. Keith Bodomer, 9904 Carrhill Court, Vienna; President of the Carriage Hill Civic Association
 - He has limited concerns. Thanked us for our cooperation in meeting with them and allowing them to review the project files.
 - Disagrees with some conclusions about traffic and pedestrian safety. Traffic solution is not part of plan; it is deficient.
 - Creating a crossroads at Carrhill Road will place additional burden on drivers to pay attention to entering and exiting vehicles from the park.
 - Lawyers Road is inadequate for current traffic. People speed on 35 mph road, there are no shoulders, the topography dips at Carrhill Road, foliage blocks views, and it is a major cut through for Vienna.

- Nineteen years ago the County denied a daycare center proposed next to this site due to unsafe access.
 - They want the safety issue tied down before they will sign on to the plan.
2. Kevin McNiff, 9924 Coach Road, Vienna
 - Likes a park, but is concerned about safety and wants due diligence on traffic issue.
 - Comprehensive Plan states 1-2 du/ac here. In 1987 the County said no to the daycare center and concurrent use proposal because of traffic concerns.
 3. Claude Scott, 9925 Coach Road, Vienna
 - He doesn't oppose the park with or without a soccer field, if the traffic concerns are dealt with.
 - Cited VDOT traffic figures, including: 12,000 trips/day Monday-Friday on Lawyers Road.
 - Extensive topography differences cause sightline problems. Can we solve these? In 1987 when the daycare center was denied, the transportation analysis said problems may not be resolvable. To date, he has not seen a reasonable solution presented.
 4. Susan Low, 10114 Garrett Street, Vienna
 - Questions need for 13.7 acre park when our service area standard of 5 acres for 1,000 people seems to indicate that 5 acres is large enough to serve the 1,000 people around here. Are we planning for 3,000 people? She is concerned about drawing people from the greater outside area to play on the soccer field.
 - Wants an open area, perhaps with benches, that maintains the natural habitat. Believes that the older neighbors of the park would want this too.
 - Planning a soccer field and bleachers means that the noise level will be high. She is concerned that this will change the quiet nature of the neighborhood.
 5. Doug Strait, 2226 McChesney Court; representing the Glencannon Community
 - Many years ago, the community solved multiple problems associated with access to the school property by applying ever stronger barriers to access, including blocking with a gate, tree trunk, and planted shrubs.
 - No assurance that anyone else will help with parking, delinquency, rowdiness problems.
 - Has worked with Irish. Park Authority has listened, addressed many issues.
 - Requests respectfully that we address the issues of access to solve them as they did thirty years ago.

6. Dave Loderer, 2119 Carrhill Road, Vienna

- Landowner below the park site who is concerned about drainage from the park negatively affecting his property. Is uncertain about efficacy of rain gardens.
- Wants the culvert to remain clear, and for us to not increase runoff.

7. Alan Martin, 10095 Lawyers Road, Vienna

- He lives next to park.
- Buffer on the west is about half the size of the buffer on the east side of park. Is there any way to increase the width on the west side?
- Will the buffer consist of existing vegetation, or will it be planted?
- Traffic entrance is at the bottom of a valley. If we don't allow for more space for turning lanes from Vienna, there will be serious accidents. Encourage VDOT to put lights at intersection. Traffic situation needs to be addressed.

End of Public Hearing; No other Speakers